

REMARKS

Entry of the present amendment of the claims following filing of the *Notice of Appeal*, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §41.33(b)(1), is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment on appeal, Applicant has elected to cancel Claims 13 – 18 on the ground that Applicant finds himself in agreement with the Examiner's rationale for the 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, rejection of these claims.

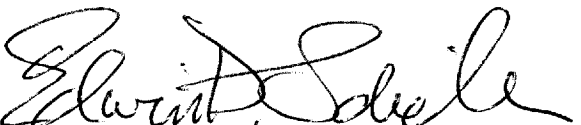
Applicant has also attended to the correction of various typographical errors newly discovered to exist in Claim 1.

The foregoing claim amendments do not alter the scope of any remaining claims before the Board on the instant appeal.

Accordingly, entry of the foregoing claim amendments, while the present patent application is on appeal before the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences, is submitted to be procedurally proper at this time, and entry of the present amendments are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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